

REMARKS

Claims 10-14 are currently being examined, all of which have been newly added. Claims 1 to 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. It is respectfully believed that no new matter has been introduced.

Before turning to the cited art, a brief review of the present invention is in order. The present invention provides a digital camera, comprising: a creator for creating an image signal corresponding to an optical image of an object scene every first period; a memory having a plurality of memory areas; a changer for changing a selecting of the memory area at an interval of the first period; a writer for writing the image signal created by said creator to one of said plurality of memory areas based on a changing result of said changer; a reader for reading the image signal from another of said plurality of memory areas based on the changing result of said changer every second period which is one for an integer of the first period; and a display for displaying an image based on the image signal read out by said reader.

Claims 1 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over USP 5,734,427 (**Hayashi**) in view of USP 6,295,596 (**Hirabayashi**). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-4 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over **Hayashi** in view of **Hirabayashi** and USP 6,292,218 (**Parulski**). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 2-4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of claims 2-4 should be withdrawn.

Claims 6-8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection. Claims 6-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 10-14 have been newly added. Applicant has presented additional claims to alternatively and more completely define Applicant's invention and thereby assist the Examiner by facilitating the examination and expediting a compact prosecution. Although the Office Action dated January 29, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated June 1, 2004 did not address these claims, not hitherto available to the Examiner, Applicant desires to make a record as to why **Hayashi**, **Hirabayashi**, and **Parulski** do not make them obvious, in the interest of speedy and compact prosecution, and otherwise indicate why they are patentable.

**Hayashi** discloses a high resolution electronic still camera with an electronic viewfinder for displaying a reduced image. **Hirabayashi** discloses a data reproducing apparatus. **Parulski** discloses an electronic camera for initiating capture of still images while previewing motion images.

Applicant respectfully submits that **Hayashi**, **Hirabayashi**, and **Parulski**, alone or in combination, do not describe, teach, or suggest the following features of claim 10: "a digital camera, comprising: a creator for creating an image signal corresponding to an optical image of an object scene every first period; a memory having a plurality of memory areas; a changer for changing a selecting of the memory area at an interval of the first period; a writer for writing the image signal created by said creator to one of said plurality of memory areas based on a changing result of said changer; a reader for reading the image signal from another of said plurality of memory areas based on the changing result of said changer every second period which is one for an integer of the first period; and a display for displaying an image based on the image signal" in combination with the other claimed features.

In view of the aforementioned remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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